Private developers for affordable houses for LIG

486. SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has been considering to encourage private developers and builders to construct affordable houses which would be purchased by them for weaker sections and low income groups (LIG) in the country;

(b) if so, the details of private developers and builders who have shown interest for constructing low cost houses in the country;

(c) whether the housing shortage for weaker sections and low income groups is continuously increasing; and

(d) if so, the extent to which such shortage of houses is going to be met?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) and (b) National Urban Housing and Habitat Policy (NUHHP), 2007 intends to promote sustainable development of habitat in the country with a view to ensuring equitable supply of land, shelter and services at affordable prices to all sections of society. Given the magnitude of the housing shortage and budgetary constraints of both the Central and State Governments, the Policy focuses the spotlight on multiple stake-holders namely, the Private Sector, the Cooperative Sector, the Industrial Sector for labour housing and the Services/Institutional Sector for employee housing. In this manner, the Policy seeks to promote various types of public-private partnerships for realizing the goal of "Affordable Housing for All".

However, as the subjects 'land' and 'colonization' come under the purview of State Government, it is primarily the responsibility of the State Government to develop and implement models for associating private sector in initiatives envisaged under NUHHP-2007.

(c) and (d) According to the estimates made by the Technical Group constituted by the Ministry for assessment of the urban housing shortage at the end of the 10th Five Year Plan, the total housing shortage in the country is 24.71 million. Out of this, shortage of 24.67 million units is for Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) and Low Income Group (LIG). The Technical Group has estimated an addition of 7.27 million dwelling units during the 11th Plan Period.

Housing scheme for poor

487. SHRI BHARATKUMAR RAUT:
SHRI SANJAY RAUT:

Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of Government that National Housing Board (NHB) is going to launch a scheme for owning a house by the poor under the scheme 'Bachat Awas Yojana';